

WHEELING BOY

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DRILLING AWKWARD SQUAD.

Features of Life in Rendezvous Camp and on the Transport—What Pleasure it Gives the Soldier Boy to Meet Old Wheeling Friends on the Other Side of the Continent.

The following letter has been furnished the Intelligencer by Senator N. E. Scott. It was written to old friends of Mr. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Waddell, former residents of Wheeling, and was written to them by their son, E. L. Waddell, who is now in the Philippines.

ON BOARD THE TRANSPORT "NEWPORT" BOUND FOR MANILA, VIA HONOLULU, August 2, 1898.

DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER:—I suppose you are wondering where I am. I did not have time to write much while at "The Presidio." More than half the time I could not get at my writing material, and after I was made (or acting sergeant), I drilled an "outfit" of raw recruits four or five times every day for six weeks and I had not time for writing. One day while on inspection, Lieutenant Castner, (my old lieutenant of Company H, Fourth Infantry), pointed me out to our colonel, who questioned me as to my former army experience, etc., and soon after I was appointed sergeant of Company 19, "Casual Detachment" (that is unassigned troops). I drilled them constantly, and was complimented on the progress and efficiency of my "outfit." You asked me how Lieutenant Castner came to be there. He had been on detached duty in Alaska and was ordered to join his regiment. He was almost the first man I met when I landed, and having served under him before, I was glad to meet him. You also asked me about the boys I took out of Chicago. They are all with me yet, except one, who deserted. Well, when orders came for us to "load" on the transport, we hustled, and I had no time to see Lieutenant Castner, and he is not on this vessel. He may be on the Ohio, which sailed at the same time we did. This has been an awful tiresome trip so far, but it seems ocean travelling agrees with me. We have 491 men aboard, besides officers, and a lot of Red Cross lady nurses. There were only a very few that did not get seasick the second day out. Oh! what a mess!

I was among the few that did not get sick. I expected to be, but guess the drilling toughened me; besides I knew what to do from former experiences. We will arrive at Honolulu to-morrow morning, where I will mail this letter. I tell you it is boiling hot. I am up on deck writing, as I cannot stand it below, and the vessel is rolling to her smoke stacks every jump. I have enjoyed it, if it has been lonesome, and I get good and homesick. As I look overboard and see nothing but a wild waste of water, I realize how far away I am from you all.

I am still acting sergeant, and have charge of the kitchen. We have fine eating. Have everything. Who do you think I met at the wharf in San Francisco, while we were loading? Mr. and Mrs. Uring, who boarded at the same place we did for so long in Wheeling. I went up and spoke to them. They recognized me instantly, and we had quite a chat. They were making a tour of the country. Happened to be in San Francisco and came down to see the troops off. It did me lots of good to have somebody I knew, see me off. They bade me good-bye, and cheered for "old Wheeling." They expect to visit Chicago, and I gave them our address. They said they would call on you.

I wonder when I will see you all again? I think of it all day and dream of you at night. I have been away from home a good deal, but have always gotten back safely, and I pray to God that I may this time. We will probably lay at Honolulu four or five days. Can't tell for sure.

With regard to my commission, I will have to do it all over again when I get to Manila. I did enclose a letter from Lieutenant Castner with my application to Adjutant General Corbin, and wrote Senator Scott that I did so. That was all I could do then, as my

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former higher officers are all in the Philippines. I am assigned to my old regiment (Fourth Infantry), but do not know my company yet. Castner said he would try to get me into my old "outfit." My quarters are a little better than the privates. We have a room marked off for "non-coms."

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POSTMASTERS COMMISSIONED.

New Postoffices Established and Changes in Routes. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—The following postmasters have been commissioned in West Virginia: Edward L. Taylor, Centralia; Abner M. Dillen, Prestonia; Simon Clark, Thompson; and James L. Egon, Revel. A new postoffice has been established at Mahone, Ritchie county, W. Va., with Love B. Scott as postmaster. An order has been issued, changing the schedule on route 10, 299, Dennis to Lewisburg, (W. Va.), to three times a week.

BROADDUS INSTITUTE

Acquires More Ground—Payne Memorial Hall to Be Built. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 22.—The board of trustees of Broaddus Institute consummated a deal to-day with Col. Luther Raymond, by which the institute acquires ownership of eight acres of land adjacent to the present site. The purchase price was \$8,000, or \$1,000 per acre. The acquisition gives the institute ten acres of ground in all. Payne Memorial Hall, the cost of which was provided by an \$8,000 bequest by the late Jed. Payne, of Middleville, will be built at once. It will be a four story brick structure, forty by seventy feet.

CLARK BRIBERY CASE

Develops Another Virtuous Member of the Montana Legislature Who Could Not be Persuaded With \$10,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—When the senate committee on privileges and elections began its session to-day for the continuance of its investigation of the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Clark, of Montana, ex-Senator Faulkner informed the committee that the Ector letters had not yet arrived. He said they had left Butte last Monday night, and were expected hourly.

The first witness of the day was A. L. Smith, president of the Montana National Bank, of Helena. Evidently the purpose of calling Mr. Smith was to show transactions of the bank involving Senator Clark or members of the last Montana legislature. Mr. Smith could recall the names of only a few members who had accounts at the bank last winter and these had, he said, been depositors at the bank for several years. He also said that neither Clark nor Wellcome had transacted any business in the bank during the last session of the legislature except that Senator Clark had opened an account with the bank just prior to the close of the session. He had then given him a personal check for \$50,000 and he had never drawn upon the account since.

Mr. Smith said the bank kept no record of \$1,000 bills passing through it and he did not remember giving any out except in one or two instances, which cases were not connected with the legislature or the senatorial contest. He also said that his bank and the bank of Clark & Bros., of Butte, exchanged business.

Patrick W. Murray, a member of the Montana legislature from Butte, testified that he had several times been approached and his vote solicited for Mr. Clark, for the senate. He detailed the particulars of two interviews with a Mr. Gallick, a supporter of Mr. Clark, who had on both occasions held up his hands and spread out his fingers and thumb, saying that he (the witness) could have "that" for his vote if cast for Mr. Clark for the senate. He also said that George Casey had come to him to buy a piece of mining ground which the witness owned, that the condition of the sale was that he should vote for Mr. Clark for the senate. He had refused all the propositions because Mr. Clark had opposed the election of the ticket on which he had made the race for the legislature. Mr. Murray said he had not been employed by Mr. Daly for fourteen years, and was under no obligations to that gentleman. At this point the prosecution announced that they had no more witnesses on hand and the committee adjourned until to-morrow.

STATE DEPARTMENT

Annoyed by Inquiries in Regard to the Whereabouts of Webster Davis, and the Declaration is Made That His Visit is Purely of a Personal Nature, and Has No Official Significance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Both the state and interior department authorize the most sweeping denial of the story that Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, is clothed with any diplomatic mission. It is declared that he represents no department of the United States government in his visit to South Africa, but is there in a personal capacity. Since his arrival at Sape Town, where he went to visit his cousin, Consul General Stowe, the state department has been very much annoyed at the misconception that has been placed upon his visit. It was to prevent further misunderstandings on that score that the department positively declined Mr. Davis' application for leave of absence for Mr. Stowe, who wished to accompany Mr. Davis to Pretoria. If Mr. Davis' visit had not been purely personal, it is very probable that he would have been also enjoined from proceeding to Pretoria, for it is anticipated that misrepresentations as to his purposes would be drawn. It is even now possible that he will receive a reminder from the interior department that his course is embarrassing to the government.

The state department has sent no instructions to Mr. Macrum respecting his attitude toward the newspapers since his departure from Pretoria for the United States. In fact, it is said the department has no authority whatever over Mr. Macrum, who has passed out of the government service.

Eyes and Nose Ran Water.—C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. I would not be without it." It relieves in ten minutes. Sold by Charles R. Goetze, Twelfth and Market Streets.

BIG SALE OF OIL PROPERTY

Carter Oil Company Secured the Holdings of L. A. Brenneman and Others in the Elk Fork and Old Sistersville Pools—Hot Time—Telephone Rate War—Notes and News From the Oil Metropolis.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Jan. 22.—The largest sale of oil property in this section for more than a year was consummated a couple of days ago when the Carter Oil Company, local operating branch of the Standard, purchased the interests of L. A. Brenneman and others in the Elk Fork pool and twenty-two wells which they had in the old Sistersville pool. The deal for the property has been on for several weeks, and during that time the Carter company have been gauging the wells on the property. While it is not definitely known just what the exact production of the entire property bought is per day, it is approximately estimated at about three hundred barrels. The price paid for the property was at the rate of \$900 a barrel, and Brenneman and his associates will realize in the neighborhood of \$200,000 for their interests. The property in question is mostly situated in the heart of the once famous Elk Fork field, and has been the best producing of anything that has been drilled out there. It is the property of the old Elk Fork Oil & Gas Company, about which there was so much litigation for a couple of years. The entire property consists of about 1,000 acres of land, on which there have been drilled about seventy wells.

S. A. McCool, formerly of this city, now located at Seio, Ohio, where he is in the employ of the Oil Well Supply Company, arrived in the city Saturday, and was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Shuster, of the South Side, over Sunday.

George M. McCoy, the well known young attorney of this city, who has been in bad health for some time, will leave in a few days for San Antonio, Texas, where he will remain for a time, in the hope that his health will be benefited. He will be accompanied by his wife and son.

Saturday night there was a warm time up in the region known as "Happy Hollow," and as a result of it some of the nymphs du pave of that section were arrested and placed in jail. The trouble started when the lover of the dizzy members of the half world residing in that locality had a row with a young fellow who had called to visit a short time. The visitor was shown a very warm time by the jealous lover for a few minutes. After the visitor had been vanquished, the lover turned to his mistress and she was given a severe chastising. The result of the whole thing was the arrest of the crowd and they all had to pay big fines.

John J. Carter, of Titusville, president and general manager of the Carter Oil Company, with headquarters at Titusville, Pa., and who has been here for a week or ten days, looking after the immense interests of his company in this section, has returned home.

Arthur Doyle, formerly of this city, now located at St. Mary's, arrived in the city last week and will be the guest of his friend A. E. Aggas, of the South Side, for a short time. Misses Gussie and Annette Frame, of Railroad avenue, who have been the guests of their grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. B. T. Bowers, of New Martinsville, have returned home.

The Bell telephone people are commencing the rate war here with the new independent company, the West Virginia and Western Telephone Company, and its manager has announced through the local papers that his company will meet the lowest rate made by the other company. The new company has just commenced to put its lines, and as soon as the system has been completed there promises to be a very merry war between the two companies. The Bell people have been in here for several years, and have a large list of subscribers, but the new company is putting in a large number of 'phones and will make it interesting for the old company.

Miss Emma Habermehl, a charming and accomplished young society lady of Clarion, Ohio, who has been in the city for a short time as the guest of Miss Lizzie Davis, of Water and Diamond streets, has returned home.

L. A. Brenneman, the well known operator and producer, of Main street, who was called to his former home in East Brady, Pa., last week, by the death of his father, has returned to the city. Samuel Carroll, formerly of this city, who is now the resident manager for the Oil Well Supply Company, at Woodfield, O., arrived in the city Saturday, and was the guest of relatives and friends here for a couple of days.

Ray MacArthur, a prominent attaché of the Carter Oil Company, with headquarters at West Union, arrived in the city Saturday, and was the guest of friends here over Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. Hess, of Cairo, who has been the guest of the family of Prof. M. E. Hess, principal of the Sistersville schools, at their home on North Wells street, for a few days, has returned home. She was accompanied by her son.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reddilion, of the wharfboat, who have been the guests of relatives and friends at Marietta, and Wade, Ohio, for a couple of weeks, have returned to the city. F. D. Young, a prominent attorney of this city, has formally announced his candidacy for the nomination for prosecuting attorney. Mr. Young is one of the best known attorneys in this section of the state, and he is peculiarly qualified to give the people of Tyler county the best administration of the office to which he aspires the county has known for a number of years. Mr. Young is a good Republican and an excellent gentleman, and should receive the support of his colleagues.

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